and rhinos and their habitat are be-inp implemented.

(iv) Raids are carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal trading in wild animals reaches them.

(v) A network of Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks has been set up for conservation of wild fora and fauna. Financial assisla'nce is provided by the Central Govt, for development of National Park's and Sanctuaries on request from the Stare Governments

(vi) International trade in endangered species of animals and articles made ther.of is regulated under the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Founa and Flora (CITES).

(vii) Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

(viii) Interdepartmental coordination is being enhanced with other enforcement organisations like Polic-, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast Guards ect. A training programme on CITES enforcement and implementation was also conducted for all these orgasisations at New Delhi in February, 1995.

(f) Three person's were arrested in the 3 cases of attempted smuggling of birds in the last two years.

Poaching of animals in Shimlipal National Park

5449. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidence of illegal poach-ins of animals and destruction of forests by poachers as well as local tribals In Sbimilipal National Patfc on the occasion of Akhand Shikar, a local customary fe'stival;

(b) if So, the dtails thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to stop the illegal poaching of animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the incidence of illegal felling of timber and poaching of animals during the Abhand Shikar. The details have been asked for from the Government of Orissa and will be Ind on the Table of the House.

(c) The steps taken by the Govern-ment to stop illegal poaching are as under:

(i) State Government has been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around the Simili-pal Tiger Reserve.

(ii) The State Govemment has set up 29 anti-poaching camps and mobi-lis d field staff with wireless support and vehicles to keep a strict surveil-lartre over the area during the 'Akhand Shikar' festival. District administration has provided additional support in the form of deployment of armed force at strategic locations during the period. Public awareness programmes have been launched by the Forest Department and the local NGO? related with tribal culture have been' engaged to motivate the tribals not to indulge in "Akhand Shikar".

Grants/loans *to* industrial units closed down to meet environmental standards

5450. SHRI S. K. T. RAMA-CHANDRAN:

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmet have approved any scheme to give grants of loan? to industrial units, closed down for meet